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TO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, SO, PQ, CU, CI

SUBJECT: SOMALI SHIP ELUDES SEIZURE

1. DEPARTMENT ADVISED BY JUSTICE THAT SOMALI FLAG  
FREIGHTER MARBLE ISLAND SEIZED IN REM BY MARSHAL U.S.  
PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY AT 7:30 P.M. OCTOBER 1. VESSEL  
BELIEVED RETURNING TO CUBA FROM CHILEAN WATERS CARRYING  
11,000 TONS UNDISCHARGED CUBAN SUGAR. IN REM SEIZURE  
MADE AT REQUEST OF UNDISCLOSED PLAINTIFF, PROBABLY  
CREDITOR OF SHIPS OWNERS. SHIP OWNED BY BLUE SEA  
SHIPPING CORPORATION OF MOGADISCIO, OPERATED BY MAMBISA,  
CUBAN GOVERNMENT SHIPPING LINE, AND UNDER CHARTER TO  
CUFLET. SHIP'S CAPTAIN DECLINED U.S. MARSHAL'S REQUEST  
THAT HE SERVE AS SUPPLEMENTAL CUSTODIAN OF VESSEL WHILE  
UNDER SEIZURE SAYING HE MUST SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS  
PRINCIPALS. HE AGREED, HOWEVER, ACT AS "ORAL CUSTODIAN"  
OVERNIGHT, I.E., TO STAY IN PORT. CONTRARY THIS AGREEMENT  
SHIP DEPARTED AND IS BELIEVED HEADED FOR CUBA. SHIP IS  
NOT BEING PURSUED AND JUSTICE CONTEMPLATES NO FURTHER  
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ACTION.

2. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT SEIZURE IN ANY WAY POLITI-  
CALLY MOTIVATED. IN REM SEIZURE NORMAL MARITIME PRACTICE  
TO EXTRACT PAYMENT FROM ENTITIES BEYOND REACH OF OTHER  
LEGAL MEASURES. ABOVE FOR YOUR INFORMATION SHOULD MATTER  
COME UP IN MOGADISCIO. RUSH

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